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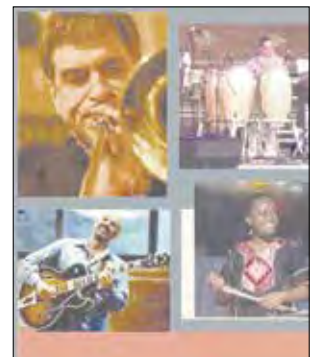
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Brunelle's Marina expresses gratitude

*Thankful for
community support
during extreme river
flooding*

SOUTH HADLEY - Brunelle's Marina extends heartfelt appreciation to the local community for their unwavering concern and support in the wake of the recent flooding on the Connecticut River.

The outpouring of solidarity and assistance from community members has been invaluable during this challenging time.

Due to the severity of the flooding, Brunelle's Marina urges individuals to exercise caution and refrain from approaching the affected area, including the debris from the docks.

The primary concern is the safety of all community members, and it is essential to respect the guidelines provided by the marina.



Floating debris from collapsing docks.

(Submitted Photo)

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BOH discusses mowed lawns and tobacco usage by minors

By Sam Gelinas
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - The Conservation Commission is currently challenging a town bylaw which obliges property owners to manicure their lawns, and was part of the discussion amongst the members of the Board of Health last month.

Bylaw 179-4 of the Town of South Hadley states that, "All

property owners will be responsible to keep their property in a reasonable state of repair. Grass will be kept no higher than six inches... Violation of this bylaw may result in a fine of \$100 per day."

Preferring the town to allow more natural lawns, the Commission is concerned about the impact of frequent mowing on bees, birds and insects.

Endorsing the Conservation

Commission's position was Stephen Frantz, a Board of Health member, who said, "This idea of manicured lawns is kind of passe in the real world," while also noting that, "It's nice not to mow, but it is also important to plant plants...it's really important to support the pollinators."

Shannon Hart, director of Public Health in town, men-

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The circus is coming to town

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - To the delight of residents of all ages, the circus is arriving in South Hadley for two performances in just a couple weeks.

Stars Above, an open-air and family-friendly circus from New York-based Hideaway Circus will stop at Buttery Brook Park on Willimanset Street on July 25 and 26.

"Hideaway Circus had reached out to us about Buttery Brook being a potential location for the circus," said Andy Rogers, recreation director for South Hadley. "They had a few dates in mind that fit well with other shows they have planned and Erin, who works for Hideaway Circus, used to visit Buttery Brook Park as a kid."

Stars Above is an 80-minute show with a mix of both contemporary and traditional circus arts, as well as original music and cover songs. It features an international cast of performers, including a roller-skating duo and an acrobatic bicycle act. The premise of the show is a day in the life of a traveling family troupe and explores people's connections

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Tiger's Football coach optimistic for season

By Sam Gelinas
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - Pulling up to the field for 6 a.m. to prepare for practice, Coach Brian Couture is optimistic about Tiger's Football chances this year as it comes off a 4-7 season.

Having been part of the coaching staff for a dozen years, this is Couture's second as head coach, and he is ready for a winning season.

With 18 players injured and working with a squad of 23, the team faced some horrible luck last year. Now, he is working with an experienced, healthy team, stacked with 20 seniors



Turley Photo by Sam Gelinas

Coach Rob Kearney has been an asset for the team as they prepare for the upcoming season.

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► South Hadley

Beat the heat with local library program

Summer activities for residents of all ages

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Public and Gaylord Memorial libraries feature indoor comforts and facilities and outdoor spaces that invite readers to relax and spend some time enjoying nature.

Inside the buildings are a full schedule of free public programs for all ages. Stop in at South Hadley Public Library at 2 Canal Street or Gaylord Memorial Library at 47 College Street (or go to gaylordlibrary.org) to see what's new.

Need a library card? Just go to shadley.cwmars.org/eg/opac/register to complete the online application or sign up in person.

Upcoming programs at the South Hadley Library include:

Spanish Conversation Circle 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15

An opportunity for Spanish speakers to practice their language skills. Participants should have some basic conversational skills to join the group. This is not a language class.

Author Talk: Dr. Andrew Lam: The Masters of Medicine 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 19

In *The Masters of Medicine*, Dr. Andrew Lam, distills the long arc of medical

progress down to the crucial moments that were responsible for the world's greatest medical miracles. He brings to life heroic tales of embattled mavericks who endured ridicule and sometimes risked their own lives to conceive the incredible, life-saving cures we depend on, and often take for granted, today.

Women Who Rock! 15 Iconic Women Who Shaped Music 11 a.m. Saturday, July 22

A fun and informative live music program highlighting 15 prolific women who left their indelible mark on the music world, forging new paths for future stars and securing their place in music history. From their creative and artistic contributions to their struggle and sacrifice for equal pay and recognition, Kirsten Thien covers the early innovators and pioneers, as well as contemporary superstars from the past four decades, sharing some of her personal journey as a professional touring and recording musician.

Children's Programs at SHPL

Reading Buddies with Duchess & Gwen

Duchess the Yorkshire terrier and Gwen the greyhound are reading therapy dogs from Bright Spot Therapy Dogs. Kids in kindergarten and above can schedule a 15-minute time slot to read to one of them. Duchess will be here 6-7 p.m. Monday, July 24, and Gwen will be here 3:30-

5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26. Pre-registration is required. Parents or caretakers can sign their children up by either calling the library at 413-538-5045 or stopping into the library. If all time slots are filled feel free to give your information for future visits.

Summer reading

This year's annual summer library program, "Find Your Voice," runs until Aug. 12. There are lots of fun and exciting programs lined up for the entire family. Stop in to sign up and receive a schedule of events.

Yoga & Mindfulness for Kids

Kids ages 7 to 12 years old can register for our Yoga & Mindfulness for Kids program being held at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 26. Certified yoga instructor Barbara Paulo will teach this class geared especially for children and tweens. The library has a limited number of yoga mats available to borrow for kids who don't own one. Pre-registration is required by calling the library or stopping in.

Story Time & Rhyme Time

Families are invited to join us for Story Time every Monday and Thursday morning at 10:30 for an assortment of picture books followed by an age-appropriate craft or other fun activity. While geared for birth to age 5, we welcome older children to participate if desired. Join us in the Storytime/Craft Room.

CFCE Wednesday Playgroup

Every Wednesday we host Dana from the Coordinated Family Community Engagement Program who presents a fun filled program with stories, games, circle time, music and more for children from birth to 5. Older siblings are always welcome to attend too. Playgroups take place at 10:30 a.m. except on the first Wednesday of the month when the playgroup will take place at 3:30 p.m. Watch the library website for what the weekly themes will be and join us in the Children's Room.

Tuesday Night Knitting Group 6-8 p.m.

Come by for some quality knitting and crocheting time. All skill levels are welcome. The group meets on the second floor in the Mandracha Quiet Study Room but may move to a larger meeting room when available.

Need Books Delivered? Check out the Homebound Delivery Service

The Gaylord Memorial Library continues to offer a Homebound Delivery Service to residents of South Hadley who have health or transportation issues. Books and other library materials are delivered and picked up on a monthly basis. If you, or someone you know would like to learn more and sign up for Homebound Delivery, visit: gaylordlibrary.org/homebound-delivery/ or call 538-5047.

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Senior center sizzles with fun this summer

SOUTH HADLEY — The Council on Aging’s senior center at 45 Dayton Street invites local seniors to experience enriching and interesting programs, take advantage of services and enjoy meals with others.

With summer here, there’s no better way to beat the heat than enjoying activities and events inside the air conditioned senior center, including a live music series. Here’s a look at some of the offerings:

THIS COMING WEEK
Bingo 4 p.m. July 18

Cash prizes and ice cream sundaes.

Sing along with BHMA 10 a.m. July 20

Join a group of talented students for fun and popular songs.

Memory Cafe 1 p.m. July 20

A naturalist presents a talk about hummingbirds and butterflies.

Services for pets 9 a.m.-1 p.m. July 21

Second Chance Animal Services will be in their van in the parking lot offering rabies shots for \$18, distemper/parvo vaccines for \$18 and a microchip for \$22.

UPCOMING

Summer Concert Series

July 25: double header: Madison Curbelo at 4 p.m., and Noah Lis at 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 29: Wild Bill and the Flying Sparks 5 p.m.

Each concert is \$4 or purchase all three at the same time and have your name entered for a chance to be Senior Center VIP, which includes:

Free exercise punch card

\$5 gift card to the Woodlawn Café

A free ticket to an upcoming concert of your choice

Individual tickets or tickets purchased in a group at the welcome desk.

Shopping Schedule

Let the COA do the driving! The following trips are planned (A minimum of five attendees). Please call to make an appointment.

Beyonders Tours

These online tours of places and people with whom you might never interact have been a huge success thanks to the Friends of the South Hadley Seniors, which is underwriting this program. Plans include a walking tour of Cannes at 1 p.m. on Aug. 22.

Services

The COA provides free in town transportation for residents 60 and older 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and Tuesdays at 4 p.m. The minibus is equipped with a wheelchair lift. Rides must be scheduled 24 hours in advance by calling the center at 538-5030. Grocery shopping at Big Y is every Tuesday and Friday.

On-going programs

SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone)

Tuesdays from 8:30am to 11:30 by appointment.

Sue LaMastro, Certified SHINE counselor, will guide you through the Medicare maze and explore what Medicare Plan is right for you.

Food collection

The Senior Center continues to have a bin, located in the lobby to collect food for Neighbors Helping Neighbors. The items to focus on are healthy snacks for children (i.e., peanut butter and jelly, fruit cups, etc.).

Join the Community Table

Lunch is served at 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling the center. Suggested donation for lunch is \$2.25. Guests under 60 are charged \$6.50 (per federal regulations).

Tech Time with Sandy

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday. She can help you with your technology needs.

iPad Loan Program: Available for a six-week loan period (renewals available if there is not a waiting list for the device). One-on-one lessons on how to use the iPad will be given by technology instructor, Sandy Cahillane, by appointment. If you do not have WIFI at home, there are several options: The South Hadley Public Library and Gaylord Library have Wi-Fi hotspots for loan. The South Hadley Council on Aging has public Wi-Fi available throughout the building and your iPhone can be used as a hotspot (Instructor Sandy can help you with that) Call Emily at 538-5030 for an application. To find out about low-income Wi-Fi support: Fiberspring by S.H.E.L.D. has an Affordability Connectivity Program (www.acp-benefit.org) and Comcast has Comcast Essentials (internetessentials.com/apply).

The senior center is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Tuesdays until 7 p.m. For more information on the COA or upcoming programs, call 538-5030 or go to southhadley.org/324/Council-on-Aging.

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to family and community, as well as loss. It was created by the founders of Hideaway Circus, Josh and Lyndsay Aviner. They describe the circus as a modern take on the traveling circuses of decades ago.

“We have been working with Kim Prough on a lot of events, and after talking, we felt like it would be a great opportunity for the park, added Rogers. “Kim and I met with the circus group, and we made the decision to have it.”

The circus stop is just one of many fun-filled events happening at Buttery Brook Park this summer. The recreation department and Friends of Buttery Brook Park have worked hard to fill the season with many opportunities for family fun.

“Buttery Brook Park is exploding with activity this summer,” said Kim Prough, Friends of Buttery Brook Park board member. “Bringing the circus to the park is a natural fit given the beautiful setting and the number of people who use the park.”

The shows in South Hadley will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25 and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26. Those interested in attending can choose from a range of ticket options, starting with general admission where audience members bring their own chairs or blankets to premium seating where a lawn chair is provided to a VIP experience with center-front seating and the most comfortable chairs. Tickets range from \$25 to \$65. Children age three and under do not need a ticket unless they want to have their own seat, but lap sitting is allowed. Tickets can be purchased online at starsabovecircus.com. More information can also be found on the same website.

In addition to the circus, Buttery Brook Park is also hosting many other events just that week including a children’s concert and farmer’s market on Wednesday, Big Rig Day on Thursday and Cruise Night on Friday.

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tioned how other neighboring communities, Florence for example, held “No Mow Mays,” in which entire streets abstained from mowing their lawns, instead leaving them natural for the month.

While some may laud the naturalist approaches of the Conservation Commission, others may have concerns about the way tall grasses harbor bugs, rodents, and snakes.

With a 90-95% compliance rate, the townspeople do not seem to have difficulty respecting the bylaw. Granted, maybe manicured lawns are somewhat passe,

but there is a broader conversation to be had to discuss the pros and cons of having naturally growing grass.

Underage tobacco use

Additionally, in this one hour meeting, the Board of Health reasserted its dedication to preventing the underage purchase of tobacco.

Grant money totaling approximately half a million dollars was distributed to the area in order to hire two additional inspectors. These inspectors will provide supplemental security for minors from tobacco products, and will be responsible for educating and checking on places which distribute tobacco products.

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Turley Publications, based in Palmer, is seeking a storyteller who is curious about everything, and who understands how town government works to join our team of weekly reporters.

Experience in covering town government is a huge plus, and any experience in community journalism is as well. Staff writers cover all aspects of communities from features to municipal meetings to crimes and fires. Successful candidates must have people skills, plenty of curiosity and able to tell a story.

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Wednesday, August 9th

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Sign up at the Legion.

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Opinion



Why can't I collect survivor benefits from my deceased wife?

Dear Rusty: I am a 62 year old widower that is still working full time. While my late spouse was in hospice, I was able to get her to apply for Social Security disability and she received one payment before she passed away two years ago. I was told that I could collect a survivor benefit, so I called my local Social Security office, but they told me that I could not collect any type of benefits from my wife and that all the money she paid into SS for all of those years was basically gone for good. Would you please advise what I can do and if this is true? I was also told that Social Security's agents will do everything they can to avoid paying out benefits.

Signed: Frustrated Widower

Dear Frustrated Widower: I suspect that the reason Social Security said you were not eligible for benefits as a widower is because you are working full time. At age 62, you are subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn while collecting early Social Security benefits. The 2023 earnings limit is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. If your earnings are high enough, that could make you temporarily ineligible to collect benefits until 1) your earnings are less, or 2) you reach your Full Retirement Age (FRA) when the earnings test no longer applies.

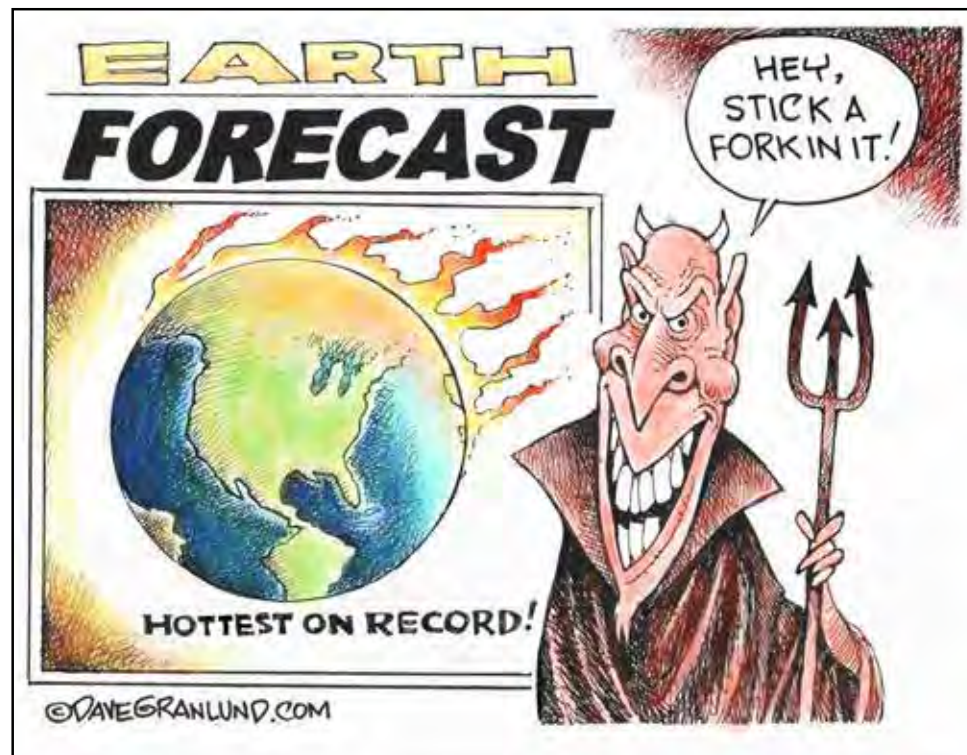
Assuming you have not yet claimed your personal SS retirement benefit, you are still eligible to collect a survivor benefit from your wife when your earnings are less or after you reach your full retirement age. One strategy you may wish to consider, if you plan to keep working full time, is to wait and claim only your surviving spouse benefit at your FRA (67), thus allowing your personal SS retirement benefit to continue growing until you are 70 when your personal SS retirement benefit will be about 75% more than it would be now. Although your survivor benefit reaches maximum at your FRA, your personal benefit doesn't reach maximum until age 70, so it's possible to collect your smaller survivor benefit from your wife first and claim your higher personal benefit later.

You were apparently given some confusing information when you contacted Social Security. If you haven't already claimed your own SS retirement benefit, you are still eligible for a surviving spouse benefit from your wife but likely cannot collect a widower benefit at this time because you're working full time. However, that doesn't mean you can never collect a survivor benefit; only that you can't collect it at this time because of the "earnings test." The earnings test goes away when you reach age 67, so you can claim only your survivor benefit at that time or before if you no longer work full time and allow your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow to age 70 if you like.

From our experience with the Social Security Administration, the skill level of SSA representatives varies, but we have never suspected their goal was trying to avoid paying benefits due. Nevertheless, depending on the agent you spoke with, the information provided may have been less clear about the best claiming strategy for you, which is why the AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service exists. Our advisors are all highly experienced and strive to provide you with complete and clear information which enables you to make an informed choice about how and when to claim the Social Security benefits you are entitled to. I hope we have succeeded.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An open letter of thanks to the community

Retiring after 37 years at the South Hadley Public Library is bittersweet for me.

As much as I look forward to this new chapter in my life, I leave behind hundreds of wonderful people I have known over the years. For any of you who were in attendance at the fantastic retirement reception held for me at the library, you saw what an amazing community we have in South Hadley.

An estimate of approximately a hundred people came through to wish me well in my future as a retiree. I heard so many heartfelt words of thanks, love, and appreciation from many patrons (young and old alike), colleagues, family, and friends.

I have truly been blessed to have worked at the library and been able to serve the community. So many patrons have become friends. Even one of my book publisher reps became my husband 15 years ago!

I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve you all these years. For those of you who gave me beautiful cards and gifts, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I'll be busy writing many thank you notes.

Unfortunately, in the chaos at the party there were cards that became separated from a few gifts. If you were one of those, please know how thankful and grateful I am.

I apologize if you don't receive a thank you note. There were a few stray floral arrangements and even a bottle of wine that I simply don't know who they were from.

But I am so very appreciative of your kindness and generosity.

Even though I am retiring from the library, you'll still see me at the library from time to time. I'll just be on the other side of the circulation desk as a patron.

I'll also run into several of you at the Big Y too! Again, I can't say THANK YOU enough. It's been a wild 37 years that I have thoroughly enjoyed.

Meg Clancy
Youth Services Librarian
South Hadley Public Library



In the Constitution, Congress comes first. In real life, not so much.

There's a reason the founders started with Congress when they created the blueprint for our representative democracy: It's the institution closest to the American people.

This isn't just political theory. For all their faults, members of Congress throughout our history have made an effort to stay close to and understand their constituents. They still do. More than any other branch of government, Congress reflects the feelings of the diverse and ever-evolving population of the United States – even if, with population shifts boosting rural power in the Senate these days and gerrymandering affecting House districts, the proportions are out of whack.

So one of the more puzzling aspects of the evolution of power in Washington has been the extent to which Congress has sat by over the decades while its strength has ebbed. For the most part, we think of this in terms of its relations with the presidency, with everything from war powers to budget-making to an increasing reliance on executive orders putting presidents of both parties in an ever-stronger position to set and

steer the national agenda.

But recently, CNN's Zachary Wolf drew attention to a similar process taking place vis-à-vis the Supreme Court. The mechanisms are different, but the result is the same: Congress loses room to maneuver.

Wolf was actually delving into a recently published book by University of Texas law professor Stephen Vladeck, "The Shadow Docket: How the Supreme Court Uses Stealth Rulings to Amass Power and Undermine the Republic." Vladeck's chief concern is what for the last few years has come to be called the "shadow docket," referring to cases that are not formally heard by the Court, with oral arguments and then long written decisions and dissents, but instead are generally unsigned orders that arrive without explanation.

They can be quite consequential. As Vladeck explained to Wolf in their interview, the Court last year intervened in redistricting cases in Alabama and Louisiana in such a way that it "helped to give the Republicans the majority they currently have in the House." It did so in 2020 and 2021 as well, especially to address cases involving COVID regulations. The Court's power, Vladeck points out, lies not just in its decisions, but in choosing which of the many issues arriving on its doorstep it will decide.

In fact, that's not just true of cases on the shadow docket. Until about a century ago, the Court was required to make a de-

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cision on any case under its jurisdiction. That, Vladeck argues, “made it a lot harder for the justices to have an agenda. It made it a lot harder for the justices to target particular disputes and look around for cases.”

The reason it can now pick and choose – and hence steer the national agenda – is because Congress gave it the power to do so, especially with the 1988 Supreme Court Case Selections Act, which granted the Court full authority over whether to hear appeals from circuit court decisions. So it chooses which 80 or so cases it will hear out of the 5,000 to 7,000 it is asked to review each term.

To be sure, it’s hardly the case that the Court has avoided precedent-setting decisions in the past – dating all the way back to Marbury v. Madison in 1803, when the Court gave itself the power of judicial review over executive and legislative decisions. Still, if you think about our recent political history, especially around abortion, you can see Vladeck’s point: The Court does not reflect the thinking of a majority of Americans.

For members of Congress who would rather not have to cast unpopular votes on controversial issues that could cost them a seat, having the White House or the Supreme Court make those decisions can be handy. But as Vladeck argues, “When we look at the Court today – at the ethics issues, the docket issues, the legitimacy debates – a lot of what’s going on here is a court that’s just not remotely checked and not worrying about being checked.” Congress historically had the authority to exercise control over the Court’s ability to set the agenda, he insists, and there’s no reason it can’t again.

The balance of power in Washington demands it.

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Legislators advocate for arts tourism bill

By Nick Boonstra
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – State Sen. Jake Oliveira and state Rep. Pat Duffy held a press conference at the Polish Center for Learning and Discovery in support of a bill that would help to promote cultural tourism in western Massachusetts and across the state.

The bill, which was drafted in collaboration with the arts advocacy organization MASSCreative, would establish a grant program focused on boosting underrepresented regions and voices in Massachusetts’ creative economy.

Emily Ruddock, Executive Director of MASSCreative, explained at the press conference on July 11 that the proposed bill would create a grant fund, overseen by the Office of Travel and Tourism, that eligible arts organizations would be able to use toward their marketing efforts.

Funds would be distributed with an emphasis on boosting regions and voices that are often left underrepresented in Massachusetts cultural tourism, an industry that MASSCreative reports brought in \$10 billion in 2020 alone.

Oliveira, who represents the Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester District on Beacon Hill, highlighted the significance of this bill to the western part of the state.

“One out of six jobs is tied to the creative economy here in western Massachusetts,” he stated, emphasizing the importance of having a fund like this to promote the many excellent events the industry has to offer.

Oliveira also made clear that representatives from western Massachusetts are the ones pushing hardest for this bill’s passage.

“This is a Western Mass-led bill,” he affirmed, adding that the joint committee that will first consider the bill is primarily led by legislators from the region.

Duffy, whose 5th Hampden District is largely coextensive with the city of Holyoke, touched on a theme that came up multiple times during the event: bouncing back from the pandemic with purpose and intent.

“The pandemic really was an opportunity, as we’re rebuilding, to be purposeful about how we’re rebuilding,” she said,



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From left, Chicopee Mayor John Vieau, MASSCreative Executive Director Emily Ruddock, state Sen. Oliveira and state Rep. Pat Duffy at the Polish Center for Learning and Discovery.

cautioning against “leaving gold behind” in the rich cultural resources available in the area moving forward.

Michelle Murphy, Vice President of Development and Marketing at the Springfield Museums, echoed this sentiment through the lens of public interest in cultural tourism now that pandemic restrictions have loosened.

Murphy stated that people are demonstrably “relishing perhaps more than ever the opportunities to go in person to places and to experience art and culture and each other in community.”

She summarized this point succinctly: “I am here to say that we are back.”

Murphy’s position as an arts executive also gave her a unique perspective on the importance of marketing to the cultural tourism industry, pointing out that many of Springfield’s most interesting and culturally diverse exhibits would not have been possible without proper marketing.

“Unless people know what we have, they can’t appreciate, experience, and support us,” she said.

Chicopee Mayor John L. Vieau was also in attendance and spoke on the importance of arts and culture to the city as well as to his own life and heritage.

“Just knowing that people need that opportunity to connect with arts and culture, I’m always going to be a strong proponent

for it as Mayor,” he said. “I can’t think of having a better way than a bill to promote it.”

Vieau was happy to take the Polish Center itself as a key example. “Everyone should be proud of their heritage and where they come from,” he said, assuring those present that he was indeed half Polish despite bearing a French surname, and commenting on how cultural spaces like the Polish Center had made a difference in his life.

The bill is currently at its earliest life stage, with the first major step toward passage being a hearing in the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development. Ruddock was hopeful that this hearing would take place in the coming fall months.

Ruddock also emphasized the importance of developing as much momentum behind this bill as possible early on in the legislative process. Those interested in supporting the bill were encouraged to contact their local representatives and senators to urge them to sign on as cosponsors.

Individuals and organizations interested in officially endorsing the bill can also reach out to MASSCreative directly, with information available at <https://www.mass-creative.org/>.

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State Sen. Comerford with MDAR commissioners tour farms damaged by flooding

According to a July 12 press release from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, MDAR officials are aware of the damage to farms from this week's flooding and are coordinating with local, state, and federal partners, including agricultural commodity and stakeholder organizations, to assess the scope of crop damage.

State Sen. Jo Comerford with MDAR staff, including Commissioner Ashley Randle and Deputy Commissioner Winton Pitcoff, have scheduled visits with farms that have sustained significant flood-related damage resulting from weekend storms. Among them are Grow Food Northampton, Teddy Smiarowski Farm in Hatfield, Savage Farm in Deerfield, and other farms in Franklin and Hampshire counties.

They will assess the situation in order to develop next steps in assisting those affected. At each stop, they will be joined by House members, municipal officials, and farm advocates.

Summer family entertainment at The Village Commons

SOUTH HADLEY - Saturday, July 15 at 11 a.m., meet and learn about the wonderful and majestic animals who soar high in the sky!

See close-up an incredible display of predatory birds from avian expert Tom Ricardi, who operates a rehabilitation center for a variety of birds of prey at his home in Conway.

Ricardi travels throughout New England and New York giving lectures and showcasing selections of his birds.

Please remember to bring your own blankets or chairs. The Village Commons is located at 17 College St., South Hadley.

CAMPUS NOTES

Holy Cross announces Spring semester Dean's List

The following students from South Hadley were named recipients of College of the Holy Cross' Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2022-23 academic year: Amy Hampson, and Lindsay Marjanski.

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Summer Concert Series

SOUTH HADLEY - The Ed Byrne Sextet will perform on Thursday, July 20, at 7 p.m. at Inside the Notch Visitor Center, Mt. Holyoke Range State Park, 1500 West Street (Route 116), Amherst. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$12 at the door. For more information contact friendsofmhr.org.

World Rhythms Ensemble performs at PPHM

HADLEY — The Wednesday Folk Traditions concert series at the Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum continues its 42nd season at 6:30 p.m. on July 19 with Tony Vacca and World Rhythms performing a rhythm-heavy, free-flowing combination of jazz, world music and spoken word.

The ensemble combines elements of traditional African, Middle Eastern and Afro-Cuban rhythms into an athletic and dynamic musical tour-de-force.

Tony Vacca's World Rhythms uses music, spoken word and rhythm, to address topics of cultural diversity, global and social awareness and mixes tradition and innovation to create a tour-de-force of jazz, Ju-ju, samba, hip-hop and blues. The band features Tony Vac-

ca on balafon, donso ngoni and percussion.

Vacca has performed in Senegal, Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, and Burkina Faso. His work expands the boundaries of World Music and incorporates his signature blend of rhythms, spoken word, and undeniably spectacular sounds.

Joining Vacca in this Wednesday Folk Traditions performance are Derrick Jordan and Jo Sallins. Jordan performs on the electric violin, strings, and percussion. Jordan is an award-winning singer-songwriter and composer. Sallins performs on bass and percussion. Sallins has toured and performed across the United States, Canada and Singapore with the band NEW STAR as well as collaborated with numerous musicians including the

Uhuru Drummers, Matt "Guitar" Murphy of the Blues Brothers, Vishnu Wood, Charles Greenley, Dan Akroyd and Lenny Baker of Sha Na Na.

The concert will be held in the museum's Sunken Garden at 130 River Drive, Route 47, in Hadley. Admission is \$12, \$2 for children 16 and under, or free for participants in the Card to Culture program. Cash only.

Picnickers are welcome starting at 5 p.m. In the event of rain, performances will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Hadley. The museum and its grounds are a carry in/carry out, smoke-free site. For more information, call 413-584-4699 or go to pphmuseum.org.

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Tickets on sale for Dakin's annual Barks & Brews fundraiser

SPRINGFIELD — The eighth annual Barks & Brews fundraiser presented by Dakin Humane Society, will take place 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10, at Fort Hill Brewery in Easthampton.

The event will begin with a VIP Preview Hour from noon to 1 p.m.

Guests are invited to bring crowd-friendly dogs on a non-retractable leash (retractable leashes are not allowed) and are asked not to bring strollers. A Splash Zone and misting sprinkler will be available to keep dogs cool and the pavement wet. There will be a hot dog eating contest, 50/50 raffle (ticket holders need not be present to win), caricature art, nail-trimming, dog baths, vendor booth shopping, food trucks and more.

Ticket options are:

• VIP admission tickets, priced at \$75, entitle holders to on-site parking, two complimentary beers, an event T-shirt, and an exclusive preview hour with refreshments. VIP Sales end Aug. 1.

• General admission tickets, priced at \$35, include a complimentary beer. Park-

ing is located on-street and at the local school lot – about a five-minute walk.

All attendees of the event must be at least 21 years old. Tickets can be purchased at dakinhumane.org.

Barks & Brews is an important annual fundraiser for Dakin, a 501(c)(3) organization. In previous years at Fort Hill, this event has generated about \$30,000 for services and programs that help animals in need.

Dakin Humane Society, located in Springfield, delivers effective, innovative services that improve the lives of animals in need and the people who care about them. In a typical year, the organization shelters, treats and fosters more than 20,000 animals and has performed over 100,000 spay/neuter surgeries since 2009, making it New England's largest spay/neuter provider.

Dakin's Pet Health Center, a non-emergency veterinary resource for pet dogs and cats, opened in 2022 and has treated more than 2,500 pets. Dakin is a local non-profit organization that relies



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solely on contributions from individuals and businesses that care about animals to bring its services to the community.

For more information, visit dakinhumane.org.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church hosting annual Greek festival

HOLYOKE--Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Grounds, 410 Main Street, will be having the second annual Greek festival from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

There will be Greek food, pastries and music. Event is rain or shine. Admission will be free. For more information, contact Sharon at 413-533-9880 or email holytrinityofholyokey@gmail.com.

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Bankers rolling to first place finish



Cam McDonald winds up for a long throw for an out.

HOLYOKE – PeoplesBank are the elite of the Tri-County Baseball League, and are now 13-1 heading into the final stretch of the season. Last week, the Bankers scored at 14-4 win over St. Joe’s, and a 12-1 win over DiFranco Realty. Those wins took place on consecutive nights and the Bankers now have a five-point lead for first place. The Chicopee Falls Tigers hold second place at 10-5-1. St. Joe’s has moved into third place at 7-8. The regular season is heading for a close during the next two weeks.



Cam McDonald winds up for a long throw for an out.

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James Flahive continues to rack up wins for PeoplesBank.

Pioneers score shutout to keep playoff chances going

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Mamadi Jiana was one of the seven reserve players listed on the Western Mass. Pioneers starting line-up sheet for last Friday night’s USL League Two match-up with Vermont Green FC.

Jiana, who was a member of the boys’ varsity soccer team at Chicopee High School a couple of years ago, entered the match during the 78th minute. Two minutes later, he scored what turned out to be the game winning goal. The Pioneers kept their postseason dreams alive with an exciting 1-0 victory before the largest

crowd of the regular season at Lusitano Stadium.

“The tempo was very high when I came into the game late in the second half, and I was ready for the moment,” Jiana said. “When I saw the scoring opportunity, I knew that I had to capitalize on it. We played very well tonight, and it just feels amazing. I’m very proud of the guys.”

It was Jiana’s third goal of the regular season and all of them were game winners.

“We can’t win games with just eleven players,” said Pioneers longtime head coach Federico Molinari. “We need

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Gianluca Cersosimo sends a kick away.



Ben Burger runs down the ball.



Gavin Moreno clears the ball for Granby.



Adam Stetson looks for an open teammate.



Rams edge Pacers

GRANBY – Prior to the Fourth of July holiday, Granby boys soccer defeated Chicopee 3-2. The Rams improved to 2-4 for the summer, but are still on the outside of the playoff picture in the B Division of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League. Granby resumes play this week.

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Nico Grandmont sends away a free kick.



Jaxton Roy O'Connor plays the ball of his chest.

Wall Stadium Speedway to host big race Saturday

MILFORD – Six-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Doug Coby will look to add yet another track to his winners list this Saturday night. Wall Stadium Speedway, located in New Jersey, is a high-banked, high-speed track that has tight corners and often produces exciting side-by-side racing.

When the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour rolls into town for the Jersey Shore 150, Coby will drive the Tommy Baldwin Racing, Mayhew Tools No. 7NY. With one win this season (Monadnock Speedway), Coby enters the race third, 30 points back in the championship standings on the Whelen Modified Tour circuit entering the eighth race of the season.

In his 35 career wins, Coby has been to Victory Lane at 12 different tracks. At Wall Stadium, Coby has three career Tour starts, with only one coming in the last 18 years. Coby started sixth, led 72

laps and finished 10th in 2019. He did not compete in the Whelen Modified Tour event at Wall last year, but Jimmy Blewett won in the Tommy Baldwin Racing entry Coby will be driving for this event.

“I watched the race last year and it didn’t seem like it was similar to the one in 2019,” Coby said. “It seemed like the groove had moved around. Wall is one of those places that can throw a lot at you – and a lot can happen quickly. Our car will be good. I’ve never won there and it’s on my bucket list of tracks where I want to win. I got my first pole there, used to race at Little Wall as a kid, and I’ve always liked the facility.”

Saturday’s practice session will roll from 3:30-4:30 p.m., followed by Mayhew Tools qualifying and the Jersey Shore 150 at 8 p.m. The main event will be live on FloRacing.TV for those who would like to watch from home.

HoopHall introduces new board members

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced four new board members. Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Executive Director of the National Basketball Players Association Foundation, was named to the Board of Governors. Executive Chairman of Delano Media Group, Todd Delano; Former NBA Head Coach and Player, Vinny Del Negro; and Thomas Tull, Chairman of the USIT Fund, and Chairman of Tulco Holdings, were named to the Board of Trustees.

“We are very pleased to be adding Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Todd Delano, Vinny Del Negro, and Thomas Tull as board members,” said Jerry Colangelo, Board Chair of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. “Each new member brings unique perspectives which will be invaluable

in supporting the Hall of Fame’s mission to promote and preserve the game.”

“I look forward to working closely with our new Board members,” said John Doleva, President and CEO of the Hall of Fame. “We have a significant amount of investment coming to the Hall over the next few years, and the Board’s input and guidance is critical to the success of our organizational goals.”

Board members serve as ambassadors of the Hall while also being responsible for preserving the fundamental mission and financial well-being of the Basketball Hall of Fame. The Board is made up of individuals that work in or have worked in the game, as well as business leaders that have supported the game in Springfield, Mass., or on a national or global level.

Valley Blue Sox score doubleheader sweep

HOLYOKE – Last Saturday, the Valley Blue Sox swept a doubleheader versus another North Division opponent. The team defeated the Upper Valley Nighthawks 4-1 to climb back to .500 on the season at 14-14. Valley now leads the West Division by one game over the Bristol Blues.

As in the first game, the Nighthawks got on the board first, following a sacrifice fly in the top of the second.

Blue Sox pitching was rock solid in the ballgame, only allowing one run off five hits. Dillon Ryan started the game for the team, pitching three innings allowing one run while striking out two batters.

Michael Weidinger would relieve Ryan in the top of the fourth inning, pitching two shutout innings and striking out five batters.

All of the runs for the Blue Sox came in the bottom of the fifth following a huge rally, even with the team only recording two hits in the inning. Efrain Correa Jr. was hit by a pitch, Will Gale singled, and newcomer Jack Power walked to make it bases loaded with no outs.

Jeff Pierantoni and Eliot Dix both hit RBI fielder’s choices to take the lead for Valley. The team added two more insurance runs off an RBI single from AJ Guerrero, and a throwing error from Upper Valley to allow the final run of the ballgame.

Jason Arrigo would relieve Weidinger to close the game for Valley. Arrigo’s curveball was ranked third in the league in RPM. The right-hander pitched two scoreless innings to earn himself the save, and added to his strikeout totals with three more on the night.

AJ Guerrero went 2-for-3 in the game, with an RBI. Will Gale also had two hits, going 2-for-2 with a walk and a stolen base.

In Game 1, another close game throughout the seven inning contest saw

the Blue Sox rallying back from a three run deficit to claim the victory.

The Nighthawks scored one run in the top of the first inning following an RBI double, then added two more in the top of the second inning off an RBI single.

Sean Scanlon was on the bump to start the game for Valley, pitching four innings while allowing three runs and striking out two batters.

In the bottom of the second inning, the Blue Sox took a run back off of an RBI double from Zach Ketterman. Matt Bergevin scored on the play to make it a 3-1 game.

Valley added two more runs to tie the game in the bottom of the third following RBI singles from AJ Guerrero and Matt Bergevin.

The Blue Sox then wasted no time taking the lead, scoring a run in the bottom of the fourth inning following the first home run hit by a Blue Sox player at home this season. Zach Ketterman hit a towering solo shot over the right field wall to make it a 4-3 ballgame. The third baseman went 2-for-3 with two RBIs in the contest.

Terry Murray relieved Scanlon in the top of the fifth inning, pitching two innings allowing one unearned run while striking out two.

The Nighthawks rallied back to tie the game 4-4 in the top of the sixth after two straight errors from the Blue Sox.

Zach Cameron pitched a scoreless frame in the top of the seventh to set the Blue Sox up to walk it off in the bottom half of the inning.

Jeff Pierantoni walked in the bottom of the seventh, then AJ Guerrero hit a double to put runners on second and third with only one out. EJ Kreutzmann hit a ground ball down the third base line allowing Jeff Pierantoni to score. The Blue Sox secured their second walk-off victory of the season 5-4.

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contributions from all 18 players to be successful. Mamadi is a local player and we’re very happy to have him on our team this year.”

Jiana scored his first goal wearing a Pioneers uniform in a 2-1 road win against AC Connecticut on June 10. A little more than two weeks later, Jiana, who currently lives in Westfield, was a starter in another road match against Pathfinder FC. He netted the only goal of that contest.

During the past two years, Jiana scored 17 goals and had 13 assists for a total of 47 points as a member of the men’s soccer team at Norwich University, which competes at the Division 3 level. He recently entered the NCAA transfer portal and is hoping to play soccer for a Division 1 school in the fall. Jiana has two more years of college eligibility remaining.

The Norwich University men’s soccer coach was Adam Pfeifer, who retired at the end of last season. Pfeifer is currently the Athletic Director at Kimball Union Academy and is also the Vermont Green head coach.

The first and second place finishers in the Northeast Division will qualify for the playoffs.

The Pioneers (8-1-3) and Vermont (9-3-0) are battling for one of those two spots, along with the Seacoast United Phantoms. If the Pioneers can win their final two regular season matches at Albany, which was scheduled to be played on Tuesday night, and at home against AC Connecticut on Saturday night, they should lock up a playoff berth. The last time that the Pioneers didn’t qualify for the playoffs was in 2018.

“This is a very good win for us tonight,” Molinari said. “We made a couple of changes at halftime, and we played a lot

better in the second half.”

Alec Hughes, who entered the match at the start of the second half, had a couple of opportunities to give the home team a 1-0 advantage.

Hughes breakaway shot in the 58th minute was flicked over the endline by Vermont goalie Nathan Schmur resulting in a corner kick.

Less than ten minutes later, Hughes had another wide open shot, but his chip shot clanked off the cross bar.

The Pioneers didn’t miss their third scoring chance.

The scoring play began when Connor Bagdon, who had also entered the match at halftime, intercepted a pass before delivering a pass to Lucio Berron. After dribbling the ball over the midfield line, Berron made a short pass to Ignacio Albo, who then found Jiana open on the left side. Jiana dribbled the ball into the box before

firing a rocket shot into the right corner past Schmur, who made a diving attempt to make the save.

“I was wide open, and Ignacio passed the ball to me,” Jiana said. “Then I shot the ball with my right foot into the corner. As soon as I shot the ball, I knew that it was going to go into the net.”

When the Pioneers made the trek north to the University of Vermont on June 17, Albo scored the only goal of the match.

A year ago, the Pioneers pulled out a thrilling 3-2 come-from-behind home victory over the Vermont Green.

In the first ever meeting between the USL-League two rivals.

During the first half of last Friday’s home match, Western Mass. goalie Gianluca Cerosimo (4 saves) made a couple of outstanding saves, which allowed Jiana to score his third game winner of the season with ten minutes remaining in regulation.

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Former physical therapist charged with rape

After September conviction another patient disclosed alleged rape

NORTHAMPTON – Edward Kostek, a former Cooley Dickinson Hospital physical therapist, pleaded not guilty today to two charges of rape before Hampshire Superior Court Judge Jeremy Buccì.

Kostek, 42, of South Hadley, was convicted by a Northampton District Court jury in September on three counts of indecent assault and battery in connection with incidents that transpired while he was working as a physical therapist. The rape charges involve a different patient he treated while working for CDH in 2012.

Acting on the joint recommendation of Northwestern Assistant District Attorney Andrew Covington and defense attorney Luke Ryan of Northampton, Judge Buccì ordered Kostek released on his own recognizance with the condition that he is prohibited from contact with the alleged victim and two other witnesses.

According to a press release of the Office of Northwestern District Attorney, the case was continued to Nov. 8 for a pretrial conference. Following his conviction in September, Kostek received a suspended two-year jail sentence during which time he is on probation.

That case stemmed from incidents involving a patient in his care at Cooley Dickinson Hospital Rehabilitation Services at 8 Atwood Drive, where she was seeking physical therapy treatment for neck injuries sustained in a car crash in January, 2019. Following that sentencing, another former patient of Kostek reported to Northampton Police that she had been assaulted while undergoing physical therapy for three months in 2012.

“A police investigation after another victim came forward following Kostek’s first conviction and sentencing led to this case being brought before a grand jury. Only the superior court has jurisdiction over a rape charge.

In sexual assaults, it is not uncommon for survivors to delay disclosing in the immediate aftermath. We commend the survivor for coming forward,” said ADA Covington. A rape conviction brings with it a potential maximum 20-year prison sentence.

Discount tickets for annual Three County Fair available

NORTHAMPTON – Advance discounted tickets are now available for the area’s great, late-summer fair, the Three County Fair, which kicks off its 206th consecutive edition on Friday, Sept. 1, and runs through Monday, Sept. 4.

“We welcomed some of the largest crowds back to the fairgrounds last September, and in return we have put together a family friendly festival with thrilling experiences for everyone” said James Przypek, general manager of the Three County Fair.

“We are especially excited about two different ‘you need to see it to believe it’ national acts to this year’s fair – the magic of Lance Gifford and the American Motor Drome Company’s Wall of Death.”

The Three County Fair is well known for its motorsport’s events, such as its unique school bus and minivan demolition derbies, car “enduro” and lawnmower racing, plus truck and tractor pulls. The Fair also boasts a wide selection of thrill rides for all ages, its Baby Barnyard, racing pigs, parakeet encounter, a dozen different food trucks, and agricultural and livestock competitions featured daily.

“Live music will once again be a big part of Labor Day weekend at the Three County Fair,” Przypek said.

“We have North America’s number one Shania Twain tribute artist, Shania Twin, with Canadian native Donna Huber performing with her band, plus local favorites such as “American Idol” contestant Katherine Winston and “The Voice” contestant Cara Brindisi.”

In all, the Fair will have 15 different live music performances over the four days, all of which are free with general admission to the Fair.

Parking at the Fair is free and general admission to the Fair is free for children ages 11 and under. Adult admission is \$12 when purchased in advance online or \$15 at the gate. There are also discounts available at the gate for seniors and veterans.

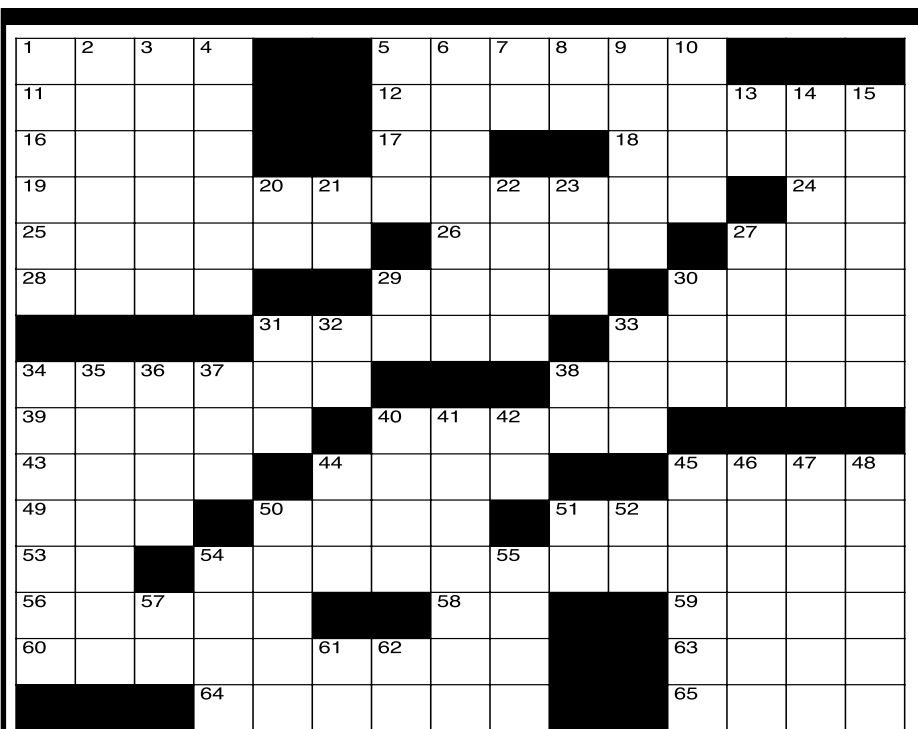
The popular four-day pass for \$30 is available on the fair’s website up until the day before it begins.

Fairgoers are encouraged to take advantage of purchasing their tickets in advance exclusively on 3countyfair.com to save money and time by allowing them to skip the lines at the ticket booth and proceed right to the gates for contactless entry.

For more information and a full schedule of events, visit the Fair’s official website at 3countyfair.com.

The Three County Fair, recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture as the oldest on-going Fair in continuous operation in the U.S.A, was launched Oct. 14-15, 1818 and has continued every year since without interruption. It is organized by the Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden County Agricultural Society.

Located in Northampton and incorporated in 1818, the Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden County Agricultural Society promotes agriculture, agricultural education, agricultural science and sustainability for the region through exhibitions, displays, competitions and demonstrations.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Database management system
- 5. Medical procedures
- 11. ___ Clapton, musician
- 12. Defender
- 16. Exert oneself
- 17. Indicates position
- 18. Prevents river overflow
- 19. Atrocities
- 24. Mister
- 25. Ends
- 26. Slope or tilt
- 27. Taxi
- 28. The very ends
- 29. Actor Sean
- 30. Japanese persimmon
- 31. Sours
- 33. Beneficiary
- 34. Baseball official
- 38. Muddy, boggy ground
- 39. Not worldly
- 40. Actress Lathan
- 43. Soil
- 44. ___-Cola
- 45. Asleep
- 49. ___ Angeles
- 50. Give birth to a child
- 51. Beach shelter
- 53. Commercial
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Local jurisdictions
- 58. It cools your home
- 59. Dismounted from a horse
- 60. Charge with a crime
- 63. Close in
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Famed garden
- 5. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 6. Saw
- 7. “Westworld” actor Harris
- 8. Belonging to me
- 9. Shoelace tube
- 10. Takes to court
- 13. Early multimedia
- 14. In a way, produces
- 15. Bowlers
- 20. Of I
- 21. Equally
- 22. Gets some sun
- 23. A place to stay
- 27. Town in Galilee
- 29. Aronofsky film
- 30. Klingon character, “Star Trek”
- 31. Equal to 100 square meters
- 32. Atomic #58
- 33. Arrived extinct
- 34. Loosen grip
- 35. A distinctive odor that is unpleasant
- 36. Membranes
- 37. Some is poisonous
- 38. Partner to Pa
- 40. Small brown gray rail
- 41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
- 42. Sodium
- 44. Military official (abbr.)
- 45. Lighted
- 46. Took off
- 47. All
- 48. Ohio city
- 50. More abject
- 51. A radio band
- 52. Controversial tech product (abbr.)
- 54. Monetary unit
- 55. Passed with flying colors
- 57. A way to win a boxing match
- 61. The Golden State
- 62. Home of the Longhorns

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Draw a scene
- 2. Its sultan is famous
- 3. Unlucky accident
- 4. A way to ski

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Trees at Brunelle's Marina up to their trunks in flood waters.



Flood waters rising over the parking lot.

FLOODING from page 1

Brunelle's Marina is committed to restoring operations promptly once it is deemed safe to do so. The dedicated team at the marina is working tirelessly to assess the situation and expedite the cleanup process, ensuring a swift return to normalcy. Continuous updates on the progress of the cleanup efforts and any further developments

will be provided through Brunelle's Marina's official Facebook page. The team at Brunelle's Marina wishes to express profound gratitude for the overwhelming support and patience demonstrated by the community during this unprecedented and arduous period. The spirit of unity displayed by the residents is a testament to the resilience and compassion that defines our community.



Debris cluster from collapsing docks.



The sun comes up over South Hadley's football field, the home turf of the Tigers.

TIGERS from page 1

and 14 juniors.

Couture is actively planning to throw the ball more, to "Get rid of the stigmatism of being a running team."

Among the other assets the team has gained is Coach Rob Kearney, who joined the High School back in May as a strength and conditioning trainer. Couture thanked the Athletic Director, Principal, and School Committee for procuring Kearney's talent, adding that Kearney's presence will bring a positive impact to the school's athletic programs, in particular the football team.

Couture said, "You can already feel the buzz to gain strength." The addition of Kearney has,

"Brought new excitement."

He notes that the positive effects of the strength and conditioning program are not only physical, but also mental.

As an undergraduate at Springfield College, Kearney began seriously pumping iron, and in the coming months he will be in Wales, where he will be attempting to squat 1,200 pounds, putting him in the running for strongest man in the world.

Three days a week for the rest of the summer the team will be hitting the field at 7 a.m., running drills, doing high kicks and lifting, as they prepare for the upcoming season.

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